

(11th June.)

Yesterday will be ranked as a day of note by the future historian of the colony. For the first time in the history of Hongkong the ratepayers have been allowed a voice in the management of their own affairs. True the Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of Commerce have for some years now each possessed

entitled to the most effective assistance that can be rendered.

The advantages which would follow the inauguration of the Upper Yangtze by steamers and the opening of Chungking, as detailed by Mr. BOURNE, are (1) that the transit-pass system would no doubt be extended to the whole of the province, so that foreign goods would reach its most distant towns on the same terms, as regards taxation, as goods which reach Chungking.

(2.) A greater advantage would result from the security from molestation at barriers, and the security and confidence that follow the establishment of Consulates and Foreign Inspectors of Customs, which insist upon a hard enforcement of rules—a state of things odious to natives.

(3.) The free trade in goods between foreigners and the interior of China, and the free trade in goods between foreigners and the interior of China, would fall under the pressure of direct trade with foreigners who would sell piece-goods in Chung-king by auction for ready-money so long as it was profitable, that is, until the Chinese had altered their system.

(4.) Insurance would in time become possible, and the Government would be enabled to stamp by bad luck at the rapids, which is at present a very serious incubus on the trade. In the winter of 1881, accidents are said to have happened to 60 per cent. of the boats coming up to certain houses. Further, the Chinese Government would reap a large and certain revenue in place of the small and uncertain benefits no one but the officials who collect it would realize.

It would greatly improve the hold, from a military point of view, over a province in which dissatisfaction is spreading with the difficulty of earning a living as population increases, and where there is likely to be trouble in the near future.

The last few remarks are somewhat vague. Are the people of Szechwan really discontented with their lot, much doubt it, and, if there be dissatisfaction, would be inclined to ascribe it to some other cause.

any, how has foreign trade in general, and British trade in particular, been affected? This question Mr. Hoxkins returns the following answer. It is that the absence of sufficient data to give an answer that may not be disputed, but my own opinion, after a year's residence, is that there is little reason to suppose that the foreign trade of the West Coast is in a more prosperous position to-day than it would have been had the ports never been opened, and had remained closed as they were before the 1st of April, 1877." A more extraordinary expression of opinion than this we have seldom read in an official document. Everywhere we see the steamers displacing the junk. Why? Because cargo can be effected by its means more economically and expeditiously. Yet Mr. Hoxkins is so sure that the Pakhoi trade is an exception to the rule, that the trade could have been carried on as well by junks as by steamers, and, for this is what it comes to, that the free opening up of China would not improve foreign trade. The only warrant of any kind for Mr. Hoxkins's opinion seems to be the fact that for a long time a large number of goods have been shipped at Pakhoi, but have not been cashed at the custom-house, the impression Mr. Hoxkins harbours under. But to arrive at the real facts of the case we must look further than that. Mr. Hoxkins himself notes the enormous improvement that has taken place in the condition of the rural community since the opening of the port, and that the things he has seen in the history of cause and effect, that the people have become better off, and cultivation has extended, the natural consequence would be that the people would become better customers for foreign goods. In the absence of statistics of the Native Customs it is impossible to trace accurately the influence of the opening of the ports on the conditions. The figures of the Foreign Customs, however, show an advance which it is impossible to believe is caused solely by

do not belong to the Club is quite large enough to do so here. If the Committee of the City Hall would issue a circular with a view to ascertaining the amount of support that would be given to a lending library we feel sure they would find the promise quite sufficient to justify them in establishing one, and that the subscription would not need to be fixed at a very high figure in order not only to pay for a constant supply of the literature of the day, but to leave something over towards supplying the tables of the reading room with new papers and periodicals. The library ought to be, to use the expression of our Tiverton contemporary, the most catholic of all our institutions.

The first election by ratepayers of two members of the Sanitary Board, in accordance with the provisions of the new Public Health Bill, took place on Monday, the 11th inst. When it became known that the two persons performing the duty of *Sanitary Government*, *Gentle* and *St. John*, had been elected, the Sanitary Board had received the assent of Mr. May, and that an election was to take place for two members to represent directly the interests of the ratepayers, apparently very little interest was evinced at the announcement. It would be likely that the ratepayers would have been satisfied with the Bill, and it was commonly said that it would be very questionable whether any two candidates would come forward and ask to be elected to carry out the provisions. On Saturday last, however, it was mentioned generally that one or two of our citizens were about to stand for election, and that the names of Messrs. *W. G. Smith*, *B. C. Smith*, and *W. G. Smith* were the only ones who had been nominated.

purpose I shall be only too pleased to abide by
your decision. (Applause)

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[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will permit

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.
Hongkong, 12th June, 1888.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Only a few weeks ago the papers were full of the question whether 1,000 feet of air was

19, NOT A HONGKONG TURNKEY
Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

When the devil is dead and gone, and I believe

On any morning of the week but that which ushers in the Sabbath, for the law has ever been a stern upholder of that celebration, you may, if you wish, see the old man sitting in his arm-chair in the parlour of the old-fashioned house in the quiet street.

of the Court about 11 o'clock on busy days it is 9.30—the Magistrate for the day, carried in a sedan chair by coolies, arrives in the Court, and the Inspectors are respectfully received and following their lead, we find our selves going up a flight of steps on the other side of the Ching-chang-hoah. This is a small building with the prisoners' dock, an oblong table for lawyers, reporters, and the public, and an empty space, in the centre, and faced by a tall, thin, black, polished wooden bench, which is the table for the punkah, which, at our entrance and which is now waving over our heads, we would feel very hot and uncomfortable in here. The Magistrate, who is gathered at the end of the dock, looks at us as they turn on the heat, and would not take it if we heartily were the punkah stopped for every one of them. Look at that fellow, who has been given me many a gymnastic exercise, and who has just lay fitted into a patent leather boot hanging over the top of the table. These appendages belong to one of the best of the fraternity, who is now springing about in a defiant and contemptuous attitude underneath, for a pretence, sheet of paper containing some of his "memos." He is victorious, and comes up with a smile of triumph, his hand in his pocket, and a bit of manuscript, vanishing out of a door at the side of the Court. Can the despotic and imperious look of the man, and a face swear, I wonder? You would be compassion-

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freight, a vessel can have four hundred
of tonnage put into her in a matter of a few
days. It is scarcely inferior to the neat-
ness of the Japanese. Such an organisation would scarcely be
possible outside Japan. It constitutes a
feature of the country, and a very de-

**PRIGHT ARRANGEMENTS AT
HANKOW.**

"Eutopia," writes to the *N. C. Daily News*—
During my late brief visit to Hankow I was
somewhat surprised by the manner and the
current there in respect to the shipping of
Freight arrangements. There was great interest
in the subject. I enquired that they could not this
year "adjust" the cost of their purchases
inspection, or get their goods in better
condition. They replied, since the beginning

"Enterprise" writes to the N. C. Daily News:—

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